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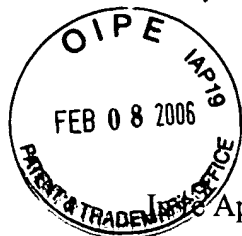
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Application of Williams et al.

Serial No.: 10/605,348

Filed: September 24, 2003

For: FERRULE WITH RELIEF TO
REDUCE GALLING

) Examiner: James M. Hewitt

) Art Unit: 3679

) Confirmation No.: 2347

) Attorney Docket: 22188/06726

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on October 4, 2005, Applicants hereby amend the claims and otherwise respond as follows. The shortened period for response expired January 4, 2006, accordingly Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$120.00 for the extension of time is enclosed herewith. The extended due date for this response therefore is February 4, 2006. It is believed that there is no additional fee associated with the filing and consideration of this amendment, however, **should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172.**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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